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WILSON PREDICTS NEW BUSINESS ERA FOR THIS NATION

Discusses Ways in Which
American Commerce Can
Be Expanded.

NOT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS.
BUT TO EXCEL, HIS DREAM

Co-Operation Urged as Only Way
in Which Competition of
World May Be Met.

SPEECH DEVOID OF POLITICS

Purposes of Future Legislation to
Define Liberties as Well as Re-
strictions of Trade.

BALTIMORE, September 25.—President Wilson delivered a speech almost devoid of politics before the National Grain Dealers' Convention here to-day. Discussing ways in which American commerce can be expanded, he told an audience of 2,800 people that through the new Tariff Commission, the Trade Commission, the Federal Reserve act, the shipping bill and similar measures he expected business men in this country to open up a new era for the nation.

"The purpose of legislation in the immediate future in this country," Mr. Wilson declared, "is going to be to remove all ingenious constructions and make it perfectly clear what the liberties as well as what the restrictions of trade are in this country."

Every effort was made by the President to keep the visit to Baltimore nonpartisan, but when he entered the Lyric Theater for his speech he was greeted with a four-minute demonstration. The theater was packed with grain dealers from all parts of the country and their friends. Many visitors were turned away.

**SUPREMACY OF CONTEMPORARY
FOR 'PARTISAN ACTION'**

The President spoke emphatically. He regretted that politics might interfere with the discussion of problems facing American business. He expressed his friendship and good faith on our part. He declared he had a supreme contempt for "partisan action," although believing in "party action."

He urged that his audience divest itself of "the consciousness that we are in the midst of a political campaign."

Once the President, speaking of the nations of Latin-America, said his "chief concern" had been to see that nothing was done that did not show friendship and good faith on our part. This statement was greeted by the most prolonged applause of the speech.

Co-operation between the government and business men, between different business men and between business men and their employees was urged as the only way in which the United States can meet the competition of the world.

"My dream," he declared, "is that she will take her place in the great field of a new spirit which the world has never seen before. Not the spirit of those who would exclude others, but in the spirit of those who would excel others."

After saying that until the new banking and shipping laws were passed the hands of American business men were tied, the President discussed his ideals for the new Tariff Commission.

**WITHOUT SUFFICIENT
KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS**

"We have admitted," he said, "that on the one side and on the other side we were talking theories and managing politics without a sufficient knowledge of the facts upon which we were acting." He added that he hoped he could add men for the commission who will see the facts and state them, no matter whose opinion those facts contradict."

The President said:
"It is a matter of sincere gratification to me that I can come and address an association of this sort, and yet I feel that there is a certain drawback to the present occasion. That drawback consists of the fact that it occurs in the midst of a political campaign, and nothing so seriously interrupts or interferes with the serious and sincere consideration of public questions as a political campaign."

"I want to say to you at the outset that I believe in party action, but that I have a sincere contempt for partisan action. I believe that it is necessary for men to concert measures together in organized co-operation by party, but that whenever party feeling touches any one of the passions that work against the general interest it is altogether to be condemned."

**WANTS ALL VAPORS OF
PASSION CLEARED AWAY**

"What I have come to say to you to-day, therefore, I would wish to say in an atmosphere from which all the vapors of passions have been cleared away, for I want to speak to you about the business situation of the world, so far as America is concerned."

"I have come to discuss the general situation of the United States to the business of the world in the decades immediately ahead of us. We have swung out, my fellow citizens, not a new business era in America. I suppose that there is no man connected with your association who does not remember the time when the whole emphasis of American business discussion was laid upon the domestic market. I need not remind you how recently it has happened that our attention has been extended to the market of the world."

"But it happened that American production had increased in recent years to such a volume that American business men must seek it. It would not any longer be taken care of within the fold of the domestic market."

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To Cut Out 'Damn' From Prayer Book

Substitution of Word 'Condemn'
Recommended By Episcopal
Committee on Revision.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Elimination of the word "damn" from the Episcopal prayer book and the substitution of the word "condemn" is recommended by the commission on revision of the prayer book in a report to be submitted to the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at St. Louis next month. It is proposed to change the disapproved word in parts of the scripture when it is quoted in the liturgical services. The commission argues that "condemn" is a more correct translation of the Greek word. It is harsh, interferes with the beauty of the service and that its use in church has a bad influence on the young.

STUDY OF YELLOW FEVER

Commission of Rockefeller Foundation
Will Sail on Next Steamer for East
Coast of South Africa.

NEW YORK, September 25.—The yellow fever commission of the Rockefeller Foundation arrived here to-day on the steamship Brazos from San Juan after a two months' study of sanitary conditions along the west coast of South America. The commission, headed by Major-General William C. Gorgas, surgeon-general of the United States, and chairman of the commission, will remain here only long enough to obtain accommodations on the next steamer leaving for the South American east coast.

Although Major-General Gorgas declined to discuss the result of investigation so far conducted, it was learned from other members of the commission that much interesting data had been collected. Among the countries visited were Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Panama.

PROMOTION FOR PERSHING

To Be Nominated as Major-General, to
Fill Vacancy Created by Death
of Mills.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—Secretary Baker announced late to-day that the President would nominate Brigadier-General Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, to be a major-general to fill the vacancy created by the death of Major-General Mills.

Colonel Eben Swift, of the general staff; Francis H. French, of the general staff; Edwin St. John Greble, of the Sixth Field Artillery, and Charles G. Treat, of the general staff, will become brigadier-generals, succeeding Brigadier-General Pershing, who is promoted to major-general, and Granger Adams, Montgomery McComb and F. W. Sibley, who are to be retired.

General Pershing's promotion does not affect his assignment as commander of the expeditionary force in Mexico. The President will send the nominations to Congress in December.

BALLOT EIGHT FEET LONG

Will Be Used by New York State
Soldiers on Mexican Border on
Election Day.

ALBANY, N. Y., September 25.—New York State soldiers on the Mexican border will use an eight-foot ballot on election day, according to Secretary of State Hugo. A car load of election supplies will leave for the border about October 2, and a representative from the election bureau will go to Texas later to complete arrangements for polling the soldiers' votes.

FARMERS FOR WILSON

Vrooman Finds Them More Interested
in Farm Loan Law Than in
Any Other Issue.

CHICAGO, September 25.—Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, arrived at Western Democratic headquarters to-day after a trip through the Western States, and declared that he found farmers more interested in the farm loan law than any other issue of the campaign.

"The farmer apparently is thoroughly satisfied with President Wilson's handling of domestic affairs," said Mr. Vrooman.

SCOTLAND YARD CHIEF DEAD

Inspector Alfred Ward Had Charge of
Investigation Into Several of Most
Sensational Crimes of Recent Years.

LONDON, September 25.—Alfred Ward, chief inspector of Scotland Yard, died in a hospital this morning. Inspector Ward had charge of the police investigation into several of the most sensational crimes of recent years. He visited the United States last May to bring back Benjamin Trillick Lincoln, the former member of Parliament, and self-confessed German spy. Lincoln was extradited on the charge of forgery.

MRS. GERARD IN ACCIDENT

Wife of American Ambassador Sustains
Slight Nervous Shock When Her
Auto Hits Taxicab.

BERLIN, September 25 (via Sayville).—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador, sustained a slight nervous shock to-day when her automobile came into collision with a taxicab. She was able to return to her home, however, without requiring the services of a physician.

Mecklenburg County Fair, Chase City, October 6 to 8. Round-trip fare from Richmond, \$2.10. October 1 to 5 return limit Oct. 8. Via SOUTHERN RAILWAY.—Adv.

BOTH CANDIDATES SPEAK IN ABINGDON

E. Lee Trinkle and Representative
Slomp Deliver Campaign
Addresses.

FORMER REFUTES CHARGES

Remarks Greeted With Prolonged
Applause, as Are Those of
Governor Stuart.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ABINGDON, VA., September 25.—This historic place of many interesting traditions, having, as it does, a close relation with the Revolutionary period, was the scene of a notable political meeting to-day. It was the formal opening of the campaign of Representative E. Lee Trinkle for re-election, and, being unwilling to lose so good an opportunity to meet the voters of Washington County, E. Lee Trinkle, Democratic nominee for Congress, came here to address a meeting in the courthouse.

Trinkle, who is lending valuable aid in the Trinkle campaign, came also, and followed Mr. Trinkle with a speech an hour in length.

The occasion brought large numbers of farmers and others to the city. They came on horseback, in buggies, surreys and by automobile from all sections of the county.

Conversation with farmers and others revealed the fact that Washington County is alive to the political situation, and will record a big vote in November.

Both Trinkle and Slomp, headquarters were active, being thronged much of the time by delegates anxious to receive information from the leaders. Trinkle campaign buttons were in general evidence. It was hard to discern any advantage for either candidate in the crowd. The Town Hall, where the Slomp meeting was held, beginning at 11 o'clock, was filled to capacity. The Trinkle meeting, in the upper room of the courthouse, was hampered badly for space, and nothing like the number that sought admittance could be accommodated.

LESLIE M. SHAW ANOTHER SPEAKER

Representative Slomp was aided by former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, who has long been a close personal friend of Slomp, and, in addition, F. G. R. Gordon, of Massachusetts, commissioned by the Republican national campaign committee to tour the district for Slomp, delivered his initial talk. Much interest was manifested in Slomp's opening speech. It covered many phases of the national campaign, including a lengthy discussion of the new good-roads measure and the tariff.

He charged that Trinkle had misrepresented him seriously as to his record. He cited ten measures and issues on which he said he had been misrepresented, declaring that in most instances he had supported the measures referred to. These measures included the Trade Commission bill, the seamen's bill, the McCombs resolution, the American merchant marine, etc.

Mr. Slomp said Mr. Trinkle had made the statement in a speech that the Federal reserve act was a good thing for every man, woman and child in the district. He then asked why it was that the bank at Wytheville, in which Trinkle is interested, had not taken advantage of its opportunity to enter the system.

SLUMP TELLS OF APPROPRIATIONS SECURED

Mr. Slomp then reviewed briefly his record, pointing to the various appropriations he had secured. At the close of a review of the efforts put forth by him to make national attention to the good-roads issue, a certainty, Slomp declared he had worked out the details of the measure providing for a roads committee in Congress, and that the new measure for Federal aid thus had been assured. As a result of this measure, Virginia, he said, is to get a large sum from the Federal Treasury, amounting to from \$13,000 to \$15,000 for each of the counties of the district. Slomp was introduced by Peter J. Day-enport.

Professor John L. Einstein, of Radford, well known as a Progressive, was introduced by L. P. Summers, and made a pointed talk, urging loyalty of all factions in support of Slomp.

Former Secretary Shaw followed with a tribute to Slomp, urging his return to Congress upon the basis of faithful and honorable service, concluding with a discussion of national issues.

At the courthouse meeting Mr. Trinkle (Continued on Ninth Page.)

FALL FASHIONS ARE ON DISPLAY

Feminine Population of Richmond
to View To-Day What
Designers Have Created.

ASSORTMENT IS WONDERFUL

Paris Makes Varying Personality
Keystone of Autumn and
Winter Dressing.

While mere man checks up his account at the bank and prepares for the worst, Richmond's feminine population, devotees of fashion and interested in Paris only for the styles she sends out, will turn out in full force to-day for inspection in broad street shops of the designers' idea of what women should wear during the fall season.

The man behind the purse will be there, too, but for another purpose. For two whole days midday and the pretty debutante will keep him away from his favorite club, and care not a rap whether he loses his knack of holding four jacks to his friends' acceptance. Every creature has his day, and the women of Richmond will have two, one after the other.

The fashionable shops of the city have agreed upon a "united opening." Every one of them will open its doors at the same time this morning, giving midday a fine opportunity for critical comparison, both as to quality and to price. This plan has already proved successful, and appeals alike to merchant and to customer.

WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE

Midday this year has a wonderful assortment from which to choose, for Paris has made varying personality the keynote of autumn and winter fashions. Styles are anything and everything. High waist line or low, or no waist line at all. Long skirt or short or a train. Sleeve, but a shoulder wisp of ruffle, but that a-shine with metal, or sleeves half full.

Individuality is everything. There are styles for women of varying sizes, women of varying types, even women of varied coloring, from fairest blonde to vivid brunette. All these have been thought of and planned for. Everything a young girl needs for her "first season," from the dress for her debutante tea to her sports suit for golf. And then there are the clothes the intermediate girl needs for the "business of life." There are even correct fashions for the little girl, not concerned yet with either the business of life or debutante teas.

HOW TO BE FASHIONABLE AND ALSO ECONOMICAL

The housekeeper will to-day give a shout of thanksgiving as she watches the fashions emerge to view. Her fingers have been sore for her debutante tea to her sports suit for golf. And then there are the clothes the intermediate girl needs for the "business of life." There are even correct fashions for the little girl, not concerned yet with either the business of life or debutante teas.

The silhouette is practically the same. There is still the Russian blouse effect, so popular last season, with its long bodice line and more or less waist. The only radical change lay in the collar and fascinator and the brilliant color effect. The skirt is, perhaps, a little longer, and clings closer to the figure, not girling out in a hoop, as it did last year.

For weeks past the merchants have been busily selecting their goods, and for days the window artists who have been delegated the duty of framing the pictures, as well as creating the pictures themselves, have been studying the various modes and colors and, with what success they have met will be apparent when the lights have been turned on and the shops thrown open and the beautiful views presented to the eye.

MANY LIVES JOIN IN FALL OPENING

Not only will the millinery and dry goods stores spread their wares before the public view, but all other business places—the haberdasheries, shoe shops, art stores, confectioners, housefurnishings, etc., all will show the hunter for fashions and the housewife what is to be the proper thing for the coming season.

As upon previous occasions of this character, crowds of people are expected to be on hand, not only from Richmond, but from the territory to which this city caters, to take a look at the beautiful and good things that are placed upon exhibition. The merchants will be glad to see them, and the whole community is invited to inspect what Richmond's merchants have provided. Promptly at the opening hour this morning the doors will swing wide for those who wish to inspect or buy.

WANT LEGISLATURE TO ACT ON STRIKE

New York Members Will Urge
Governor Whitman to Call
Extra Session.

LABOR LEADERS STILL ACTIVE

40 Per Cent of 800,000 Union
Workers Say They Will
Quit on Wednesday.

NEW YORK, September 25.—With labor leaders continuing their efforts to bring about a general suspension of work as an aid to the striking carmen in this city, members of the State Legislature from the metropolis, at a meeting to-day, decided to urge Governor Whitman to convene the legislature in extraordinary session to deal with the strike situation.

The Governor arrived in the city to-night, and it was expected a committee appointed by the legislators would wait upon him to-morrow.

Nearly 40 per cent of the 800,000 union workers in New York and vicinity have avowed their intention of quitting their places on Wednesday, according to Hugh Frayne, organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

Discussion in labor circles not in sympathy with the plans of conference leaders, took the form to-day of favoring a forty-eight-hour "demonstration" rather than a general strike, it was said.

The first accident on a subway since the strike occurred to-day. Thirteen persons were injured, two seriously, in a rear-end collision at the Two Hundred and Seventh Street station, where subway trains run on an elevated structure. The motorman of the rear train was arrested.

Traffic on the surface lines to-day was 85 per cent normal, it was said. Subway and elevated traffic was above normal.

Sporadic attempts at violence and several arrests in connection with the strike were reported by the police.

SMALL INVESTORS KEEP OUT

Not Subscribing to New German Loan
in Same Numbers as to Previous
Issues.

LONDON, September 25.—Small investors are not subscribing to the new German war loan in the same numbers as to previous issues, according to a Reuter Amsterdam dispatch quoting the Cologne Gazette.

"However important and valuable," says the Gazette, "are subscriptions by the million, our war loans would never have been a great success without small single subscriptions." The paper adds that the farmers are afraid that Germany must suffer bankruptcy, owing to the gigantic and ever-increasing cost of the war.

BRITISH REPLY ON WAY

Left London on Friday and Should Arrive
in Washington Late
This Week.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—The British reply to the American mail note of May 21, protesting against the mail censorship, left London on Friday, the British embassy here was informed to-day, and should arrive in Washington late this week. No advance indication of its contents were forwarded.

Any arrangement arrived at by exporters in New York by Sir Richard Crawford, the British commercial attaché, who to-day began informal negotiations there, will be made to conform with the terms of the note. Such arrangements, it is pointed out, will be entirely informal, and made theoretically without knowledge of the diplomatic authorities of those two governments.

IN HONOR OF ENLISTED MAN

Camp at El Paso Named After Sergeant
Recently Killed in Performance
of His Duty.

EL PASO, TEXAS, September 25.—An unexampled compliment was paid to the memory of an enlisted man to-day when by order of Brigadier-General Bell the camp occupied here by troops of the Tenth Provisional Division was named "Camp Owen Birnie" after a sergeant of that name belonging to the Twenty-third Infantry, who was killed in a saloon last Thursday in performance of his duty with the provost guard. W. B. Sands, a Texas ranger, is in jail charged with the murder.

Sergeant Birnie had completed nearly thirty years in the army, and had served in the Cuban, Philippine and the Boxer wars with distinction.

Another Airship Raid on England

Bombs Dropped at Several
Places, But No Reports
of Casualties.

LONDON, September 26.—"Several hostile airships crossed the east and northeast coasts of England between 10.30 o'clock and midnight last night," says an official communication issued shortly after midnight.

"Bombs are reported to have been dropped at several places in Northern and North Midland Counties. An airship is also reported off the south coast."

"No reports of casualties or damages have been received."

FORTY GERMANS KILLED IN RAID ON BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM (via London), September 25.—The Telegraf says that forty Germans were killed or injured in the British air raid on St. Denis Westrem, Belgium, on Friday. Two sheds and three aeroplanes were burned.

ACCEPT PHILOSOPHICALLY LOSS OF THE ZEPPELINS

BERLIN, September 25 (via London).—The telegraph says that the German public appear to accept philosophically the loss of two Zeppelins in the raid on England.

The Kreuz Zeitung discusses briefly the possibility that the British might be able to copy the Zeppelin from the airship they brought down, which was violently destroyed. It dismisses this, however, in view of the fact that France, which has long had possession of a captured Zeppelin, has never been able to duplicate it.

ON LOOKOUT FOR SUBMARINE

Tug Reported to Be on Mission in Connection
With Expected Arrival of
German Underwater Boat.

WESTERLY, R. I., September 25.—The tug Westervly, of the Western Towing Company, left here to-night on a mission understood to be connected with the expected arrival of a German merchant submarine. Frank H. Robinson, captain of the tug, who was said to-day to have received instructions from the T. A. Scott Wrecking Company, of New London, to proceed to Montauk Point, N. Y., to assist in towing a submarine to New London, declined to-night to make any statement as to the destination of the vessel. The T. A. Scott Company has had several tugs recently in the service of the Eastern Forwarding Company, agents for the German Undersea Merchant Liners.

STEALS WAGONLOAD OF IRON

Enterprising Drayman Executes Coup
at British Embassy Which Puzzles
Keenest Diplomats.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—An enterprising drayman executed a coup at the British embassy to-day which baffled the keenest diplomats on the staff, and netted him a wagonload of structural iron purchased by His Majesty's government for use on a new embassy annex. Under the eyes of a large force of attaches and clerks, and chatting sociably with the special policeman assigned to guard embassy property, he leisurely loaded his wagon, said good-by, and went away. The theft was discovered hours afterward.

BIG DROP IN PLAGUE CASES

Federal Health Service Surgeons Expect to
Leave New York by
October 1.

NEW YORK, September 25.—The marked drop in the number of infantile paralysis cases reported to-day for the last two days brought the announcement by the Federal Health Service surgeons, inspecting interstate travel originating in this city, that they would prepare to leave New York on October 1 if the same rate of decrease holds to-wisdom. The government research experts, however, will remain for another month at least, it was stated.

KILLED ON VERDUN FRONT

Member of American Ambulance Service
Hit by Bullet While Securing
Wounded.

PARIS, September 25.—Edward Joseph Kelley, of Philadelphia, a member of the American ambulance field service, was killed, and Roswell S. Sanders, of Newburyport, Mass., was wounded, while engaged in securing the wounded Friday night on the Verdun front. The Americans were working at Marre, within 800 yards of the German lines. Near midnight Kelley was hit by a bullet from a shrapnel shell.

Kelley joined the ambulance service last August.

NO MOURNER AT HIS GRAVE

Charles H. Hawkins, Famous Comedian
of Civil War Days, Buried
in Chicago.

CHICAGO, September 25.—Charles H. Hawkins, a famous comedian of the Civil War days, was buried here to-day without a mourner present. The veteran actor was found dying a week ago in a cheap rooming-house.

At the height of his fame Hawkins was a comedian in "Hawes's Parlor." He was about seventy-five years old.

TO ABANDON THE MEMPHIS

All Guns and Movable Machinery Above
Water Being Stripped From
Wrecked Cruiser.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—All guns and movable machinery above water have been stripped from the wreck of the armored cruiser Memphis in Santo Domingo harbor, and will be brought to the United States by the transport Prairie. Rear-Admiral Pond reported to the Navy Department to-day that the others and men of the Memphis were working night and day saving what they could from the wreck.

NEW ALLIED GAINS APPARENTLY SEAL FATE OF COMBLES

Defenders of Virtually Sur-
rounded Town Have Only
One Avenue of Escape.

EVEN IN THIS MUST COME UNDER GUNS OF ENEMY

British and French, Attacking
Simultaneously, Push Forward
for Notable Gains.

SMASHING BLOW AT GERMANS

Except in France, No Important En-
gagements on Any of Vari-
ous Fronts.

LONDON, September 25.—Attacking simultaneously on an arc of fifteen miles, running from Martinpuich to the Somme, the British and French forces have delivered another smashing blow on the German lines and pushed forward their positions for notable gains.

From Martinpuich to Comblès, a distance of six miles, the British have driven in their wedges to a depth of more than a mile and captured in the attack the important strategic towns of Les Boeufs and Morval, the latter a scant mile north of Comblès.

To the French fell the town of Ran-court, two miles east, and the outskirts of Freigcourt, one mile northeast of Comblès. In addition, trenches near Freigcourt, in the vicinity of Bouchar-vennes and to the south from the vicinity of the Canal du Nord to the Somme were taken.

The capture of Morval by the British and of part of Freigcourt by the French apparently seals the fate of Comblès, which the Germans have determinedly held for weeks, despite the violent attacks thrown against it. The defenders of the virtually surrounded town have left to them for escape only the valley a mile in width, running north-northeast, and in the traversing of which they must come under the guns of the British and French, respectively, from Morval and the vicinity of Freigcourt.

Another notable step in their approach upon Peronne is marked in the capture by the French of trenches in the Canal du Nord region.

NO IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS ON ANY OF VARIOUS FRONTS

Except in France, there have been no important engagements on any of the various fronts.

Belin reports the repulse of Russian attacks in Volhynia and the Carpathian Mountains.

Petrograd is still silent as to the operations on the eastern front, but unofficial advice says the Russians have been a new offensive on a large scale in the hope of putting down the counterattacks of the Teutons and piercing their front before winter sets in.

The Roumanians are still struggling for supremacy over the Teutonic allies in the Szurdok and Vulcan Passes of the Transylvanian Alps, but, according to Berlin, all their attacks have been repulsed.

In the Macedonian campaign continued reports of successes for the entente allies come from their various war chancelleries. West of Florina the Russians have captured a hill from the Bulgars, the Serbians have crossed the frontier into their own country and reached a position north of Kresna-grad, while the French north of Florina have penetrated the outskirts of Petokraf. The British to the north of Lake Fathinos, on the eastern end of the battle line, also report an advance, but Berlin says that all their attacks were repulsed.

Aside from the capture from the Italians of an important mountain peak due the Verdun front, only bombardments have taken place in the Austro-Italian theater.

Notwithstanding the loss of two Zeppelins in an air raid on Eastern England Saturday night, the Germans on Monday night again returned to the attack with airships and dropped bombs in the northern and north midland counties.

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE PETROGRAD, September 25 (via London).—No events of importance have occurred on either the western (Russian) or Caucasian fronts, the War Office announced to-day.

RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

PARIS, September 25 (via London).—Russian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front took the offensive last night. The War Office announced to-day that they had captured hill 916, west of Florina, which had been fortified strongly by the Bulgars. A Bulgarian counterattack was checked by French and Russian artillery, and bayonets.

French artillery fire caused an outbreak of flames in Doiran, and French troops made progress on their left wing. On the Breda River, Serbian troops reached the frontier, and French infantry made a slight advance to the north of Florina.

INACTIVITY PREVAILS ON SOMME FRONT

PARIS, September 25 (via London).—German troops made an attack on the Verdun front last night, near Vaux-Chapelle wood. The War Office report of this afternoon says the attack failed. Inactivity prevailed on the Somme front, although heavy artillery engagements are in progress. The statement follows:

"On the Somme front there was spirited artillery fighting last night in various sectors and also south of the river."

"On the right bank of the River Meuse we easily repulsed a German at-tack."

Fall Fashion Show Opens This Morning

The Times-Dispatch to-day presents to its readers a beautifully illustrated colored fashion supplement, containing the fall announcements of Richmond's progressive merchants, and several pages of wonderful fashion drawings showing the very latest fall and winter styles. The drawings are by Gordon Dingwall, the celebrated fashion artist, who in pen and ink sketches reveals the distinctive and characteristic lines of this season's most popular modes.

All that is new and attractive will be on display when the stores open to-day for the annual United Fall Opening.